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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2003 for the above-identified patent application. The 3 month shortened statutory period for this response is set to expire on July 7, 2003 and therefore, this is a response within the shortened statutory period. In response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to amend the Patent Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2, including cancellation of non-elected Claims 3-8.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 6.

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